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 MICA-TYPE SILICATE OUTER LAYER

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Please enter this response into the file of the U.S. Patent Application identified above. The Applicants request reconsideration, further prosecution, and allowance of the claims.

REMARKS

A Restriction Requirement has been entered under 35 USC §121 directed to:

Group I Claims 1-19 and 21; and

Group II Claim 20

In response, Applicants elect, with traverse, to prosecute the invention encompassed in Group I, claims 1-19 and 21.

The Restriction Requirement states that the inventions are related to apparatus and product made. However, Applicants submit that the claims are not directed to apparatus and product made. Instead, the transfix component of claim 20 can be part of an image forming apparatus as in claim 1. A transfix component is part of an image